

# Bookbites

## Bookends on Main

### These Trying Times

Starting with the good news, we in Menomoneie remain in good health, no wide-spread epidemic here yet and hopefully never. Keeping away from others is our best line of defense, so “Don’t breathe on me!”

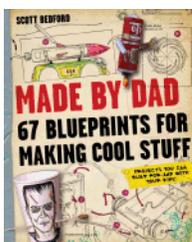
Keeping in good spirits may be harder in the long run.

We small businesses are trying to encourage online shopping. An e-commerce website would cost a few hundred dollars a month, sort of cost-prohibitive, so the bookstore newsletter and Facebook are substitutes.



It is nice to see kids playing outdoors and families taking walks and riding bikes together.

*The Big Book of Family Games* may give families other alternatives after online classes and work are finished. For DIY projects, there is *Made by Dad*.



Also puzzles—24, 100, 300, 500, 100 pieces; Word Search books for kids and adults; Sudoku; Crossword Puzzle books.

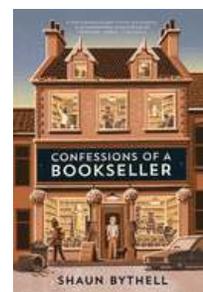


Our spring *Ladies Night out is cancelled*, needless to say, but in the spirit of that event, the bookstore will offer 10% discount on all sales until April 24, our Wisconsin projected return to normal date.

Phone or email orders. 715-233-6252  
info@bookendsonmain.com  
UPS, home delivery in Menomoneie, curbside pick-up.

April 2020

### What I am reading now:

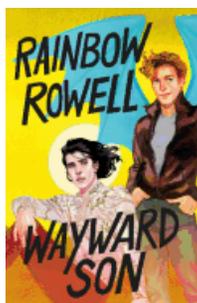


By the owner of the largest second hand bookstore in Scotland.

### YA Stay-at-Home Reading

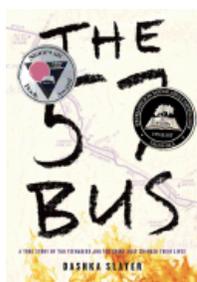


*Chain of Gold: The Last Hours* is the first in a new series by Cassandra Clare. Cordelia Carstairs, a Shadowhunter trained to battle demons, travels with her brother to London where they reconnect with childhood friends but soon must face devastating demon attacks in the quarantined city.



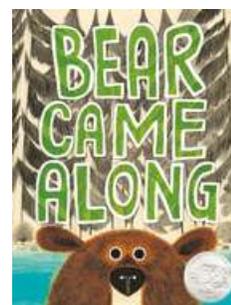
*Wayward Son* is a YA fantasy fiction. Simon Snow is back and he's coming to America!

The story is supposed to be over. Simon Snow did everything he was supposed to do. He beat the villain. He won the war. He even fell in love. Now comes the good part....



*The 57 Bus* A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed

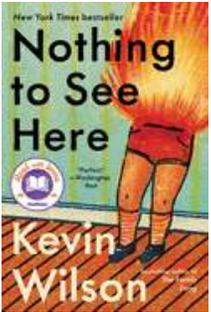
*Their Lives* about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment tells the true story of an agender teen who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California.



This hilarious picture book and heartfelt message by a successful author and illustrator duo celebrates the joy and fun that's in store when friends embark together on a ride of a lifetime.

A perfect children's book for *These Trying Times!*

## Nothing to See Here



Nothing to See by Kevin Wilson

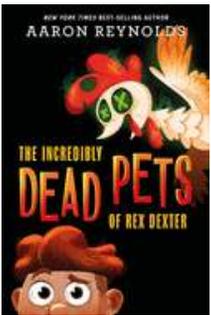
Here is a novel with a pretty bizarre premise. Kevin Wilson is an amazing literary talent who has the ability to make the impossible plausible. The story centers on two friends, Lillian and Madison, who lose touch after college. Years later, Madison contacts Lillian with a seemingly benign re-

quest that Lillian accept a job offer to be a caretaker for her twin step kids. Lillian accepts the offer and subsequently learns that the twins she will look after are far from ordinary...they start on fire whenever they feel upset! What ensues is a transformative summer for Lillian where she learns about herself, friendship, responsibility, the importance of family, and the permeability of what defines a family. Throughout this heartwarming book are plenty of laugh-out-loud

moments. In Nothing to See Here the reader finds everything that makes a great and memorable story. — Heather Obenberger

Published in November 2019, this book remains popular. It is classified as humorous and family life fiction and comes out in paperback in September 2020.

## The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter



The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter by Aaron Reynolds.

A middle reader to be published late April

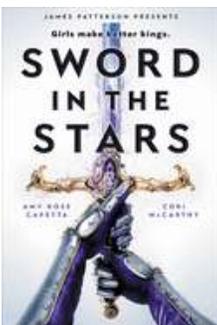
Rex would disagree with you that these dead animals are his pets. All he wants is a dog. To see if he is responsible

enough, his parents give him a chicken as a pet, which very quickly runs out into the road and gets flattened. But it doesn't end there. The chicken comes back to haunt Rex and he is the only one who can see it. As if that is not enough, animals

are being killed at the local zoo and their dead bodies come to haunt Rex. It becomes Rex's sole focus to discover who is doing away with zoo animals and trying to break the curse hovering over him to see and talk to dead animals. Very well written, engaging characters, this book is an excellent first book by this author. Middle readers will love it and will probably be scolded by parents to "put that book down and do your homework!" — Pat Trotter

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## Sword in the Stars



Sword in the Stars by Amy Rose Capetta and Cori McCarthy

Publication April 7, 2020

Merlin has returned to Camelot -- from the 22nd Century! And he is not alone. He has brought back with him five young people to

steal King Arthur's Grail and return to their own time. Unfortunately, when Merlin lands in Camelot, he seems to be alone and his magic has been depleted. What has happened to the others who started out with him? Arriving just as Arthur is marrying Gweneviere, he realizes that this Gweneviere is the Gwen who came with him; four of the knights present are the other four. And everything is going against plans and the danger is that they will change the past, which would have far-reaching

consequences into the future. Why do they need King Arthur's Grail? Will Merlin and his friends be able to continue and complete their quest? And where in the world (or out of this world) have they all come from? While this book is written for the young adult readership, anyone who enjoys the King Arthur legends and stories of Merlin will quickly get caught up in this well-written epic that combines epic legend with space fantasy. —Pat Trotter

# Midwest Bestseller List

<http://www.midwestbestsellers.org/bestsellers.html>

## Fiction

### **The Night Watchman**

Louise Erdrich, Harper, \$28.99,

### **2. The Mirror & the Light**

Hilary Mantel, Holt, \$30,

### **3. Where the Crawdads Sing**

Delia Owens, Putnam, \$26,

### **4. Such a Fun Age**

Kiley Reid, Putnam, \$26,

### **5. Writers & Lovers**

Lily King, Grove Press, \$27,

### **6. The Dutch House**

Ann Patchett, Harper, \$27.99,

### **7. American Dirt**

Jeanine Cummins, Flatiron Books, \$27.99,

### **8. My Dark Vanessa**

Kate Elizabeth Russell

### **9. Deacon King Kong**

James McBride, Riverhead Books, \$28,

## TRADE PAPERBACK FICTION

### **1. Little Fires Everywhere**

Celeste Ng, Penguin, \$17,

### **2. The Overstory**

Richard Powers, Norton, \$18.95,

### **3. Normal People**

Sally Rooney, Hogarth, \$17,

### **4. The River**

Peter Heller,

### **5. The Tattooist of Auschwitz**

Heather Morris, Harper, \$16.99,

### **6. A Gentleman in Moscow**

Amor Towles, Penguin, \$17,

### **7. Severance**

Ling Ma, Picador, \$17, 9781250214997

### **8. The Woman in the Window**

A.J. Finn, Morrow, \$16.99,

### **9. Daisy Jones & The Six**

Taylor Jenkins Reid, Ballantine, \$17,

### **10. Station Eleven**

Emily St. John Mandel, Vintage, \$16.95,

### **11. The Immortalists**

### **10. On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous**

Ocean Vuong, Penguin Press, \$26,

### **11. The Boy from the Woods**

Harlan Coben, Grand Central, \$29,

### **12. A Long Petal of the Sea**

Isabel Allende, Ballantine, \$28,

### **13. Apeirogon**

Colum McCann, Random House, \$28,

### **14. This Tender Land**

William Kent Krueger, Atria, \$27,

9781476749297

### **15. The Giver of Stars**

Jojo Moyes, Pamela Dorman Books, \$28,

## HARDCOVER NONFICTION

### **1. The Splendid and the Vile**

Erik Larson, Crown, \$32,

### **2. Untamed**

Glennon Doyle, The Dial Press, \$28,

### **3. Recollections of My Nonexistence**

Rebecca Solnit, Viking, \$26,

### **4. The Body**

Bill Bryson, Doubleday, \$30,

### **5. Educated**

Chloe Benjamin, Putnam, \$16,

### **12. Once Upon a River**

Diane Setterfield, Atria/Emily Bestler Books,

\$17,

### **13. The Fifth Season**

N.K. Jemisin, Orbit, \$15.99,

### **14. The Hunting Party**

Lucy Foley, Morrow, \$16.99, 9

### **15. The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek**

Kim Michele Richardson \$15.99,

## TRADE PAPERBACK NONFICTION

### **1. Say Nothing**

Patrick Radden Keefe, Anchor, \$16.95,

### **2. Braiding Sweetgrass**

Robin Wall Kimmerer, Milkweed Editions,

### **3. Midnight in Chernobyl**

Adam Higginbotham, S&S, \$19,

### **4. White Fragility**

Robin DiAngelo, Beacon Press, \$16,

### **5. Women Rowing North**

Tara Westover, Random House, \$28,

### **6. Talking to Strangers**

Malcolm Gladwell, Little Brown, \$30,

### **7. Becoming**

Michelle Obama, Crown, \$32.50,

### **8. Catch and Kill**

Ronan Farrow, Little Brown, \$30,

### **9. A Very Stable Genius**

Philip Rucker, Carol Leonnig, Penguin Press, \$30,

### **10. Dining In**

Alison Roman, Clarkson Potter, \$32.5,

### **11. Nobody Will Tell You This But Me: A true (as told to me) story**

Bess Kalb, Knopf, \$25.95,

### **12. The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**

Charlie Mackesy, HarperOne, \$22.99,

### **13. Until the End of Time**

Brian Greene, Knopf, \$30,

### **14. Flour Water Salt Yeast: The Fundamentals of Artisan Bread and Pizza**

Ken Forkish, Ten Speed Press, \$35,

### **15. You Were Born for This**

Chani Nicholas, HarperOne, \$24.99,

Mary Pipher, Bloomsbury Publishing, \$17,

### **6. Making Comics**

Lynda Barry, Drawn and Quarterly, \$22.95,

### **7. Bad Blood**

John Carreyrou, Vintage, \$16.95,

### **8. Just Mercy**

Bryan Stevenson, Spiegel & Grau, \$17,

### **9. The Order of Time**

Carlo Rovelli, Riverhead Books, \$15,

### **10. The Radium Girls**

Kate Moore, Sourcebooks, \$17.99,

### **11. The Field Guide to Dumb Birds of North America**

Matt Kracht, Chronicle, \$15.95,

### **12. The Body Keeps the Score**

Bessel van der Kolk, Penguin, \$19, 9

### **13. The Color of Law**

Richard Rothstein, Liveright, \$17.95,

### **14. Calypso**

David Sedaris, Back Bay, \$17.99,

### **15. Capital in the Twenty-First Century**

Thomas Piketty, Belknap Press, \$19.95,

## What Is Essential/Non-Essential?

Here are the official WI government rules: Your businesses may continue "Minimum Basic Operations." Under Section 14 of the order, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, your business may carry out the following operations:

1) The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll

and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities, and

2) The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

Minimum Basic Operations does NOT include serving customers in person. Minimum Basic Operations may

include one person in a room or confined space, including a car or truck, fulfilling nonessential deliveries, mailing parcels, or receiving parcels. Delivery and parcel services cannot require a signature by the recipient. Other services or activities requiring more than one person may only continue via phone or virtually.

*Downtown we small business are trying to do what is allowed and possible so as to keep us going.*

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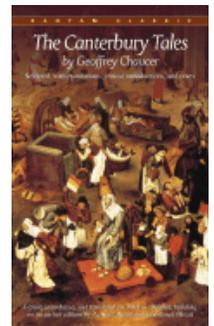
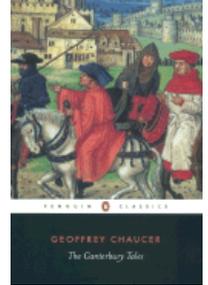
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New & Used Books, Toys, Gifts,  
Greeting Cards, Guitars &  
Guitar Strings, Journals, Etc.

So how about a little Middle English in These Trying Times? Ah, for a pilgrimage—

### Geoffrey Chaucer, from “The General Prologue” to *The Canterbury Tales*

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,  
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,  
And bathed every veyne in swich licour  
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;  
Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breath  
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth  
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne  
Hath in the Ram his halfe cours y-ronne,  
And smale foweles maken melodye,  
That slepen al the nyght with open ye,  
So priketh hem Nature in hir corages,  
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages...



## Spring Raffle

Trying to keep things normal by registering all who call in or email an order and substituting the “chose a book” with a \$20 gift certificate.



Information-type books for Middle readers



Used Fiction

